



# THE EAGLE'S WING

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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### 10 FACTS ABOUT KHS SENIOR LAUREN SIEREN

By MIKAYLA BEATTY



- #1 Lauren's favorite restaurant is Texas Roadhouse.
- #2 Her favorite animal is a pig.
- #3 She wants to major in Elementary Education at Iowa State.
- #4 Her favorite classes are agricultural classes.
- #5 She lives out in the country.
- #6 She shows both pigs and cattle.
- #7 Her favorite holiday is Thanksgiving.
- #8 She doesn't like chocolate.
- #9 Her favorite season is fall because of all the colors.
- #10 She works at Iowa State Extension and Outreach in Washington.

### Anna excels in school, life, and beyond



By TAYLOR CONRAD

On June 24, 2002, current senior Anna Elizabeth Duwa was born to Jill and Jeffrey Duwa. Since then, Anna has experienced and accomplished many things here at Keota. As a fan of research, reading, and writing, Anna always excelled in school and wanted to become a marine biologist and writer when she grew up. She has her kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Hart, to thank for encouraging her love of learning. Even as a kid, Anna involved herself in many other activities outside of school. Her favorite childhood memory, for example, was created on the day her father bought her first bucket-bottle calf. Since then, Anna has become an active member of 4-H. She has

raised bucket-bottle calves, shown sheep and poultry, and participated in Creative Arts, Sewing, Clothing, Market Beef, Breeding Beef, and Horticulture.

Despite her busy schedule, Anna has still found time for family. She especially loves Thanksgiving-time, when her mom's side of the family cooks "some of the best food I've ever tasted," she says.

She made sure to have some fun along the way, too. She recalls when, in elementary school, she and her classmates would create snow forts during winter recesses and battle one another in snowball fights (even when the teachers warned them not to throw snow).

Nowadays, Anna is involved in even more activities. Her participation in 4-H paid off in the form of her junior year prom dress, which she designed and made herself. The dress was so well-made that she won a blue ribbon at the Iowa State Fair. She has strong interests in reading, writing, painting, and drawing. Anna has also been involved in multiple school plays and musicals, competed in speech and EagleRock!, and has been a member of student council, yearbook staff, and the newspaper staff. Her drive and determination has helped her excel at everything she participates in, allowing her to gain important roles in classes, clubs, and on the stage.

Of those, Anna says that the plays, musicals, and speech performances have been the best. She will especially miss the fun she and her Improv groups had practicing. "They allowed me to be a whole new person," she said. "Speech also allowed me to use my energy in Improv to make people laugh!"

And make people laugh she did. Anna will be most remembered by her classmates as funny and wacky. Both Aaliyah Heldman and Bailey Baumert said that they would miss Anna's "subtle roasts" the most. As someone who is creative, determined, and loyal, Anna always seems to know how to make people feel better. Her classmates hope that they can return the favor by remembering her as someone who had tons of ambition, lots of drive, and a good-natured personality through all the years they have spent together.

Anna plans to go to Truman State University to major in Psychology and minor in Criminal Justice. "Truman," she says, "provides a great learning environment while keeping fairly small lecture sizes. I chose to major in Psychology because I have always found the human mind fascinating. I want to study and analyze the minds of criminals later in life." She hopes that her interest in both Psychology and Criminal Justice will lead her to one day

work for a Behavioral Analysis Unit for the police.

Though her future is bright, she will always recall her high school years fondly. "KHS offers a family-like dynamic that many districts don't," Anna said. She has enjoyed researching and reading, especially in classes like World Literature, taught by Rachael Bries, where she was given the chance to look into ancient cultures and their legends. She also greatly appreciates classes that have prepared her for her future endeavors, like College Prep.

Anna's advice for future Keota seniors is simple: "Spend your time doing what you enjoy. Don't waste this last year on people or things that keep you down." She has a smaller, less dramatic piece of advice as well: "Take Personal Finance early, so that your senior year isn't as hectic."

We wish Anna the best of luck in her future endeavors.



### KEOTA ELEMENTARY SPOTLIGHT

By ANNA DUWA



Eli Alexander Tandy is a Keota Elementary School student. Eli is 11 years old and is in fifth grade this year. Eli's parents are Carey and Lexi Tandy. Eli has attended Keota since he started going to school. He has a single older sibling, Hannah Tandy, who also attended Keota for several years until she enrolled in Mid-Prairie this past year.

Eli's favorite part of his school day is recess because he's able to do whatever he wants and play games with his friends. His favorite subject is P.E. because he gets to run around and release any energy that he's built up during the day. His least favorite subject is music, but only because he doesn't enjoy playing music around others. Otherwise, he does enjoy making music if he's alone or with fewer people.

Eli doesn't have a definite answer as to what he'd like to be later in life, but he did say he would like possibly being a game developer. This past Christmas break, Eli played with his Nintendo Switch, after getting it as a Christmas present.

His favorite thing to do during recess is play on the playground, and during the winter he likes to sled. During recess, his favorite thing to do is hang out with his friend Payton while the latter plays basketball.

Congratulations and thank you to Eli for being the Elementary Student of the Week!

### FFA Chapter Program advances to districts

By JOE SWANSTROM

FFA subdistricts were held Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Belle Plaine. Keota FFA entered four contests: Conduct of Meetings, Chapter Program, Welding, and Creed Speaking. The Conduct of Meetings team consisted of seven members: Drew Sieren, Anthony Westendorf, Caden Sprouse, Colten Clarahan, Dakota Detweiler, Grant Garman, and Izzi Chalupa.

In the Stick Welding contest, Cooper Sieren and Joe Swanstrom competed. Chapter Program consisted of Jordan Hammen, Carson Sprouse, and Riley Hahn. The Creed Speaker was Taylor Garman.

The Conduct of Meetings team and Welding team both received bronze. The Creed Speaker and Chapter Program received silvers.

Congratulations to the Chapter Program team, who will advance to districts on Saturday, March 14.



FFA subdistrict attendees: (left to right) Izzi Chalupa, Jordan Hammen, Carson Sprouse, Taylor Garman, Riley Hahn, Caden Sprouse, Colten Clarahan, Drew Sieren, Grant Garman, Dakota Detweiler, Cooper Sieren, and Joe Swanstrom.

### BLAST FROM THE PAST

By ANNA DUWA

Each week, we ask a Senior the same question they were asked for the Question of the Week when they were younger. Let's see how their responses have changed over the years...

**MIKAYLA BEATTY**

Q: What is your favorite Netflix show and why do you like it?

9th:

A: "One Tree Hill, because who doesn't?"



12th:

A: "Heartland, because something different is always happening."

### JUNK OR JEWEL

By JORDAN HAMMEN



This week's Junk or Jewel is Carson Sprouse's 2005 silver V6 Chevy Impala. This car was passed down to Carson last summer by his older sister Addie. He says that it currently has 130,000 miles on it and gets 22 miles to the gallon. The top speed of the car is 120 mph.

Some things Carson likes about his car include his interior lights and the heated seats. He does not use any radio presets in his car, except for his aux cord that's connected to his phone. His younger brother Caden rides with him the most, and traveling to the gym is where he goes most often.

When asked how many people can fit in his car he says, "As many as possible." Carson said that if he were to name his car it would be "Scooter" because it just fits it right. Some good memories he has had with his car include cruising around with the boys and taking a road trip to Missouri where he missed his turn. A bad memory he has was when someone hit his car in a driveway.

So now it's time for you to decide. Is Carson's Chevy Impala junk or a jewel?



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#### Keota Junior High 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team

The 2019-20 Keota Junior High 7th grade boys basketball team consists of (front row, left to right) Brody Greiner, Landyn Greiner, Dylan Weber, Isaac Striegel; (back row, left to right) Billie Kindred, Ashton Galindo, Jax Weber, Jace Chalupa, and Austin Black. The team is coached by Zach Jamison.



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#### Keota Junior High 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team

The 2019-20 Keota Junior High 8th grade boys basketball team consists of: (front row, left to right) Carson McDonald, Remington Cave, Tanner Waterhouse, Chase Sieren, Ashton Thomas; (back row, left to right) Aiden McGuire, Evan Vittetoe, Conner Strand, Colton Kindred, and Sawyer Stout. The team is coached by Zach Jamison.

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**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**  
By TAYLOR CONRAD  
If you could be a superhero, what superhero would you want to be and why?

JENNY HOBBS  
STAFF



"Supergirl because she's awesome, but with sweatpants because I wouldn't look good in her outfit."

ANNA DUWA  
12<sup>TH</sup>



"Shuri from Black Panther because of her intelligence and willingness to protect her people."

CARSON SPROUSE  
11<sup>TH</sup>



"Iron Man because he's cool!"

ANTHONY WESTENDORF  
10<sup>TH</sup>



"The Flash because he's fast."

NICOLE CLARAHAN  
9<sup>TH</sup>



"Ant-Man because ants can carry ten times their weight so I would be able to lift like 1,000 pounds."

EMMA HAMMES  
8<sup>TH</sup>



"Wonder Woman because she is strong."

JACE CHALUPA  
7<sup>TH</sup>



"Spider-Man because he can climb and he's strong."